

**Maine Educational Assessments (MEA)
2017-2018
Mathematics and ELA/Literacy
eMPowerME Grades 3-8**

**Morning Session
February 6-9, 2018**

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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Reminder for Participation Rates:
 - Minimum of 95% participation
 - Maximum of 1% alternate; on 12/15/2017 was 1.1%, down from 1.23%
- Important ESSA dates to remember (www.maine.gov/doe/essa):
 - February 6 and March 6: Work Sessions for Comprehensive Needs Assessment & SAU Consolidated Plan
 - February 13: Data Specialist Training
 - March 19: NWEA and STAR Assessment Data Support Workshop
 - July 1: Deadline for Comprehensive Needs Assessment - SAU Consolidated Plan
 - August 1: Deadline for school districts to complete consolidated federal funds application
- Please Provide Feedback about the workshop



Participation Rates are Awesome!!


Participation includes Alternate Assessments

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ELA/Literacy	89.92%	97.49%	97.5%
Mathematics	89.53%	97.47%	97.56%
Science	90.36%	95.41%	95.51%



Participation percentages include general and alternate assessments. All assessment participations for the past 2 years have been above the ESSA required 95%.

Where to Find Information/Materials



Maine Department of Education

Home → Maine Comprehensive Assessment System

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Start with the Maine Comprehensive Assessment System (MeCAS) Homepage

<http://maine.gov/doe/assessment/index.html>


(New Look)

Maine Comprehensive Assessment System (MeCAS)

The MeCAS provides information about the academic progress of students, schools, and the state as a whole. This system includes:

- State assessments, known as the Maine Educational Assessments (MEA), measure the progress of Maine's students toward the content standards adopted for Maine students; and
- National and international assessments help us interpret the success of Maine's students in comparison to students in other states and nations.


State and federal laws require that all students participate in assessments in designated content areas at designated grades. In conjunction with local and teacher-developed assessments, these assessments can help educators, parents, and educational leaders to understand how well Maine's schools are educating, how well Maine's students are learning, and where additional support may be needed.



**Mathematics
ELA / Literacy**

[eMPOWERME & SAT](#)


[MSAA](#)



Science

[MEA Science](#)


[EMAP](#)



**English Language
Proficiency**

[ACCESS](#)

[Alternate ACCESS](#)



**National /
International**

[NAEP](#)

[TIMSS](#)

The MECAS home page on the DOE website has a new look. The left hand panel shows the subcategories in each content area. The first option from the home page is the MEA Testing Dates.

All MEA Testing Dates

Testing Dates

MEA Reports (MAARS)

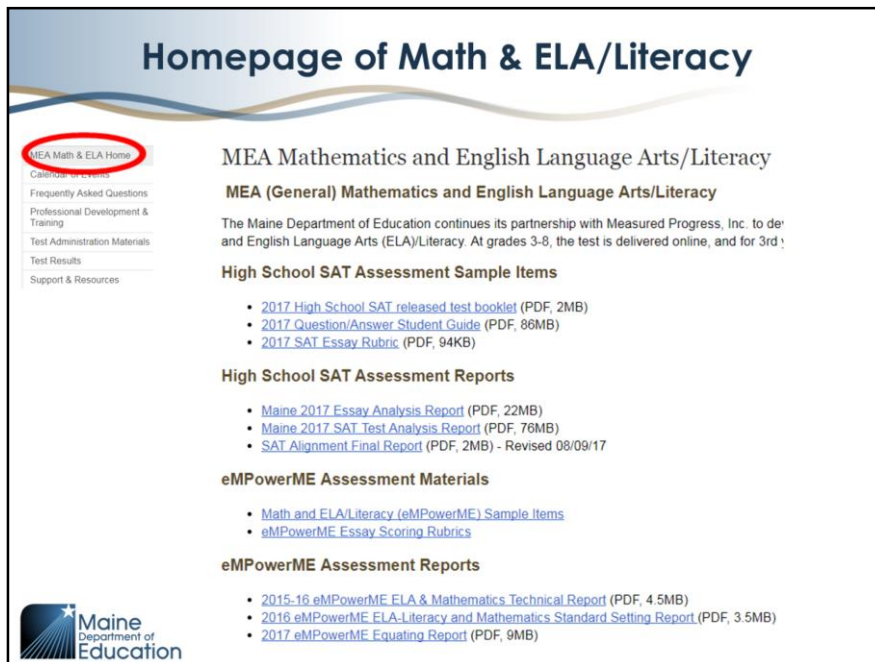
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2017 – 2018 MeCAS Testing Dates

Maine Educational Assessments

Test Name	Testing Dates	Intended For
WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 English Language Proficiency Kindergarten (Paper) Grades 1-12 (Online)	1/8/2018 - 3/2/2018	English learners K-12
WIDA Alternate ACCESS English Language Proficiency (Paper/Pencil)	1/8/2018 - 3/2/2018	English learners in grades 1-12 with significant cognitive disabilities
PAAP - Alternate Science (Portfolio) Tasks available 12/1/17 - 4/30/18	3/1/2018 - 4/30/2018	Students with significant cognitive disabilities, Grades 5, 8, third year HS
ehPower/ME - Mathematics & ELA/Literacy (including Essay) (Online)	3/19/18 - 4/13/18 (4 week window)	Students in grades 3-8
MSAA - Alternate Mathematics & ELA/Literacy (Online)	3/19/18 - 5/4/18 (6 week window)	Students with significant cognitive disabilities, Grades 3-8, third year HS
Science - High School (HS) (Paper/Pencil)	4/2/18 - 4/13/18 (2 week window)	Third year HS students
SAT - Mathematics & ELA/Literacy (Paper/Pencil)	School Day - 4/10/18	Third year HS students
SAT - NAR/SAA Mathematics & ELA/Literacy (Paper/Pencil)	Makeup - 4/24/18 4/10/18 - 4/13/18 & 4/23/18 - 4/24/18 (6 day window)	Students on a Non-Standard Administration Roster (NAR) and/or who have State Allowed Accommodations (SAA*) *Not college reportable
Science - Grades 5 & 8 (Paper/Pencil)	4/23/18 - 5/4/18 (2 week window)	Students in grades 5 & 8





The Math and ELA/Literacy home page includes links to:

- SAT Sample Tests from 2017
- SAT Assessment Reports
- eMPowerME Assessment Materials (covered in detail slides 10-12)
- eMPowerME Assessment Reports

Calendar of Events

- Home & Overview
- Calendar of Events**
- Professional Development & Training
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Calendar of Events

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**MEA Mathematics & ELA/Literacy
2017-2018 Calendar of Events
(Events and details are subject to change)**

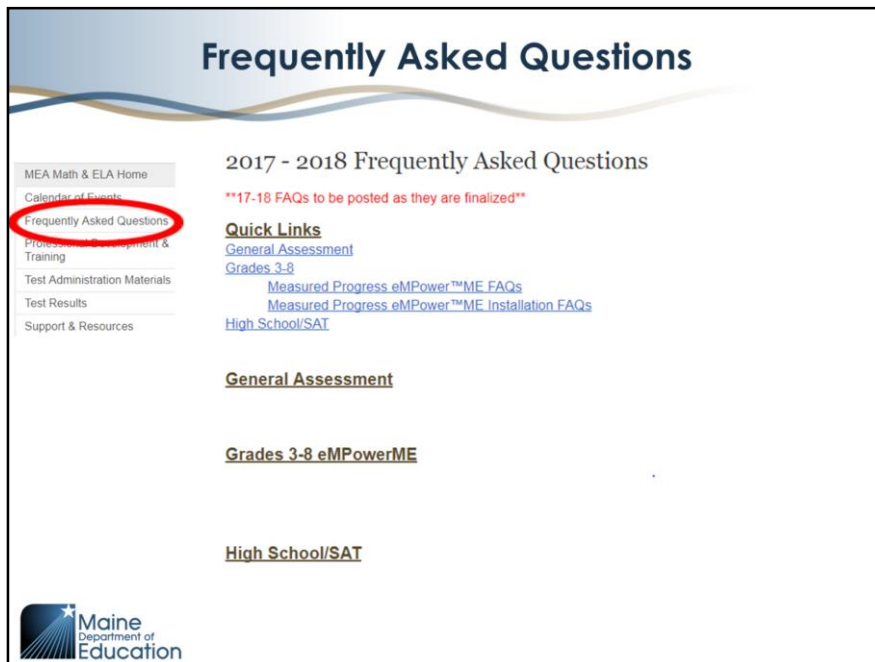
****17-18 Calendar events to be posted as they are finalized****

Grades 3-8 Math & ELA/Literacy

SAT Math & ELA/Literacy 3rd Year High School

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This screenshot shows no FAQs, but when you get to this link scroll down as items will be added as we receive questions.

Professional Development & Training

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Professional Development and Training

3-8 eMPowerME TRAINING
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2017-18 Webinars

- eMPowerME Workshop Content
 - DOE slides
 - eMPowerME slides
- MEA Kiosk Training Webinar (MP4, 174MB, 22 min)
 - Kiosk Training Slide Deck (PDF, 3.15MB)
- MEA Portal Training Webinar (MP4, 233MB, 23 min)
 - Portal Training Slide Deck (PDF, 1.25MB)
- Test Security Webinar (MP4, 2.69MB, 10 min)
 - Test Security Slide Deck (PDF, 2.02MB)
- Test Administration Webinar for Test Administrators/Proctors (MP4, 16 min)
 - Test Administrator/Proctor Webinar Slide Deck (PDF, 2.67MB)

2017-18 Technology Support - MLTI Jamf Pro Configuration for iPads and Mac Laptops

- Webinar Recording (MP4, 50 min)
- Supporting Instructions (PDF, 712KB)
- FAQs from Webinar (PDF, 100KB)

Student Online Tutorials (Closed)

- Directions for Administering Student Tutorials
- Username/Passwords for Tutorials (TBD)

Practice Tests (Closed)

- Kiosk based Practice Tests (TBD)

Sample Items for Students and Educators

- [Student Materials by Grade](#)
- [Educator Materials by Grade](#)
- [Student Materials by Subject/Grade](#)
- [Educator Materials by Subject/Grade](#)



NEW LOOK – let's go there



Check this link often as webinars will be posted as they are completed. New Look for eMPowerME sample items for students and educators – let's go there.

<https://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org/sample-items/>

You can link directly to here,
or from DOE assessment pages

Measured Progress Service Desk ☎ 855.652.8929 ⌚ Mon-Fri 7:30AM-4PM EST ✉ MaineServiceCenter@measuredprogress.org



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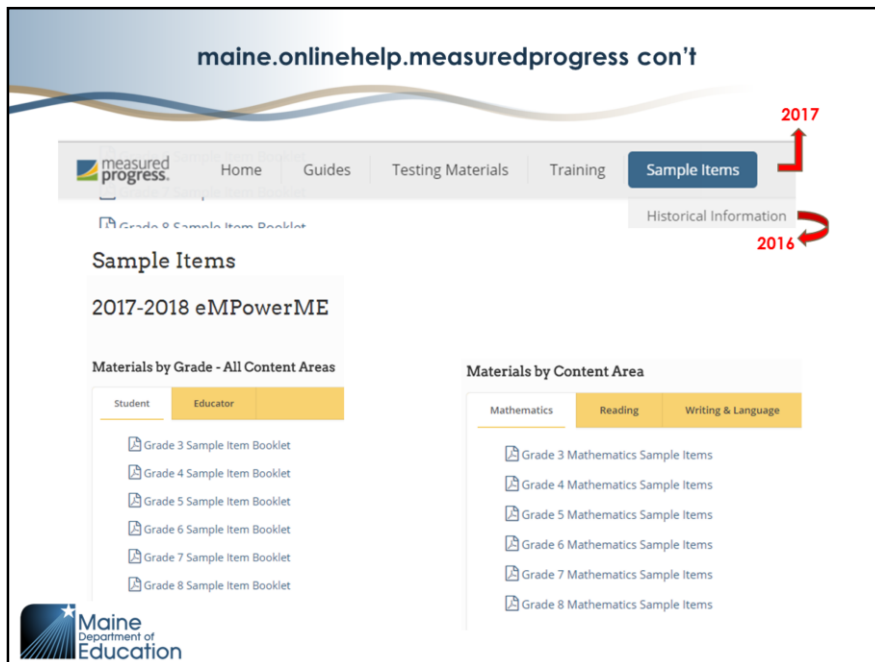
Sample Items

Maine Help & Support

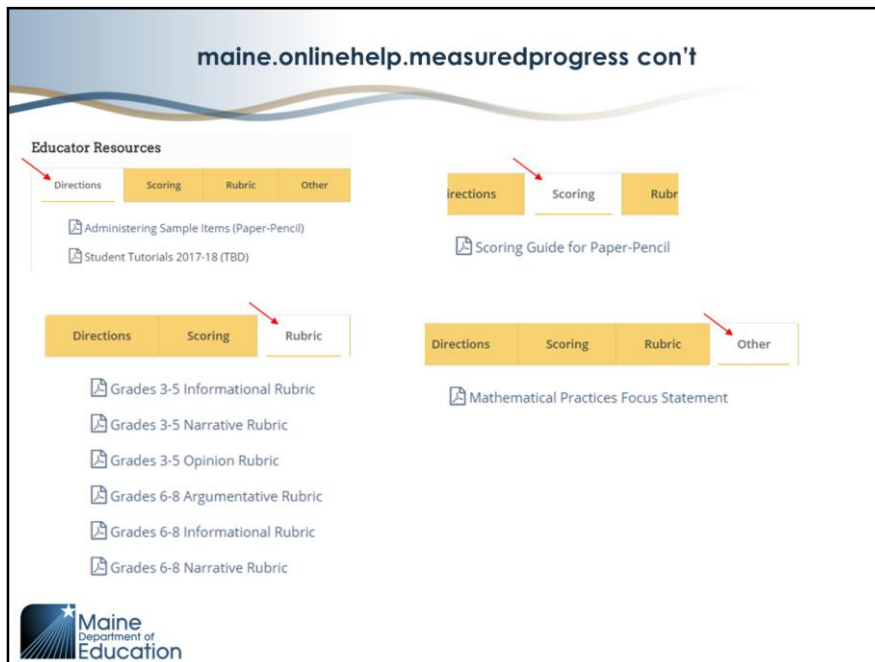
Welcome

This Help & Support page is your resource for current eMPower™ Maine testing and assessment information.





Default is Sample Items from 2017. Historical Information will bring you to sample items from 2016. We will build on these each year.



Educator Resources have 4 tabs (white is where you are, yellow are the other options).

Test Administration Materials

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This page will be updated for the field as materials become available.

2017-18 eMPowerME
 17-18 links to be posted as they are finalized

Manuals and Guides

- MEA Kiosk Installation Guide
- MEA Portal User Guide
 - User Upload Template
- Test Administrator Technology Guide
- MEA Accessibility Guide: Universal Tools/Supports/Accommodations
 - Accommodations Upload Template
- School Test Coordinator Manual
- Test Administration Manual
- 2018 eMPowerME Sample Items - Materials by Grade - All content areas
- 2018 eMPowerME Sample Items - Materials by content area
- 2018 eMPowerME Educator Resources (Directions, Scoring Guide, Essay Rubrics, Other)

Scribe and Read Aloud Protocol

- Scribe Protocol
- Read Aloud Protocol

Quick Starts and Cheat Sheets

- MEA Administration FAQ
- MEA Kiosk Installation FAQ
- MEA Technology Guidelines
- eMPowerME User Roles Cheat Sheet
- Accessibility Cheat Sheet
- Accommodations Upload Quick Start
- Accommodations Screen Shot
- eMPowerME Test Session Times Cheat Sheet
- TTS Mistake Cheat Sheet
- Updating TTS Accommodations After Scheduling Test Sessions
- eMPowerME Test Completion Status Cheat Sheet
- Paper/Pencil Tools & Accommodations
- Generate Missing Student Test Logins

More...

Forms

- eMPowerME Paper Version Request
- eMPowerME Large Print Paper Version Request

Test Security & Data Privacy Agreements

- STC Test Security & Data Privacy Agreement
- TA/Proctor Test Security & Data Privacy Agreement
- Testing Irregularity Reporting Process

Maine Department of Education

Visit this tab often as materials links will become live as they are posted. The primary categories include:\

- Manuals & Guides
- Scribe & Read Aloud Protocol
- Quick Starts and Cheat Sheets (quick references)
- Forms – paper version and large print requests
- Test Security Agreements – must be signed by all STCs, TAs and proctors

Test Results (new design)

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MEA Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy Test Results

Annually, the Maine Department of Education releases test results to help inform schools, districts and the public about progress being made for individual districts on attainment of the State accountability standards.

Test Name(s)	Applicable School Year(s)	Location of Results
MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) Mathematics Reading Grades 3-8	2005-06 through 2008-09	Data Warehouse**
NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) Mathematics Reading Writing Grades 3-8	2009-10 through 2013-14 ^a	
MHSA (Maine High School Assessment) Mathematics, Reading & Writing	2005-06 through 2013-14	
MEA Mathematics & English Language Arts (ELA) / Literacy Grades 3-8 and High School	2014-15	MEA Mathematics Results (XLS, 62KB) MEA ELA Results (XLS, 62KB) MAARS <small>(Maine Assessment & Accountability Reporting System)</small>
MEA Mathematics & ELA / Literacy Grades 3-8 and High School	2015-16 through Present	



Test Results tab has a new design for you to access assessment results based on school year and content area via the DOE Data Warehouse, Smarter Balanced year, or MAARS.

Support & Resources

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Support

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Resources =

General:

- [Maine Department of Education DOE Newsroom](#) - The Maine Department of Education provides leadership and support to educators and families in preparing all Maine students for success in college, careers and civic life. The Maine DOE Newsroom highlights the work of Maine schools and the Department of Education.

MEA Specific:

- **MEA Listserv** - This listserv is geared towards District and School assessment coordinators and test administrators. It will be utilized to communicate information in regards to the Math, ELA/Literacy, and Science Assessments via email [Subscribe to the MEA Listserv](#)

Grade 3-8 eMPowerME:

- Measured Progress Service Desk at maineservicecenter@measuredprogress.org or (855) 652-8929
- Maine Help & Support one-stop repository for all public documents related to eMPowerME <https://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org/>

SAT:

- SAT School Day Customer Support: 855-373-6387 or SATSchoolDaySupport@collegeboard.org
- SSD Support: 844-255-7728 or ssd@info.collegeboard.org



Stay Updated:

- Maine DOE NewsRoom subscription
- MEA listserv subscription
- eMPowerME Service Center help desk
- SAT Customer Support

Portal Login – User Roles – Update

(Leading Zeros in District/School Codes)

- DAC login credentials to be reset/emailed on 2/12/18
- Why? District/School codes changed and are not necessarily 4-digits anymore
- All previous roles below DACs will remain (ITCs, DUs, STCs, TAs) and you can deactivate OR reactivate
- If adding new roles, leading zero process must be followed – Portal User Guide page 19
- <https://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org/guides/>



Read Slide

Math & ELA/Literacy eMPowerME 2018

Same 7 test sessions:

1. Reading Session 1
2. Reading Session 2
3. Mathematics Session 1
4. Mathematics Session 2
5. Writing & Language Session 1 (all multiple choice)
6. Writing & Language Session 2 (all multiple choice)
7. Essay – administered in the same 4-week window with above 6 sessions

* No required order of administration for content areas – logic says give session 1 before session 2



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Math & ELA/Literacy eMPowerME 2018

What's New/Different

The previous optional "extra 10 minutes" for each of the 7 test sessions is now automatically included in the overall test session times.

**This does NOT apply to students who have accessibility support of "extended time"*

Test Section	Number of Sessions	Testing Time per Session by Grade (minutes)*					
		3	4	5	6	7	8
Mathematics	2	75	75	75	75	75	75
Reading	2	80	80	80	80	80	80
Writing & Language	2	35	35	35	35	35	35
Essay	1	80	80	80	70	70	70
TOTAL TESTING TIME	7	460	460	460	450	450	450



NOTE: previous optional "extra 10 minutes" for each of the 7 test sessions is now automatically included in the overall test session times. The test sessions do not need to be given in any particular order.

Special Considerations

- 100% online process via NEO/MEA module
- Principals authorized to submit Special Considerations
- 2018 Change Highlights:
 - Dual enrollment (primary & secondary)
 - SPPS process
 - 5 reason definition updates
 - Required documentation changes
 - 5 Status updates ("incomplete" instead of "rejected")
 - Requesting Partial exemptions
 - Email notifications regarding all statuses (New, Pending, Denied, Approved, Incomplete)



- If student has dual enrollment (primary/secondary), Principals of "attending school" must notify the "responsible district" of their desire to submit request, and must be certified by responsible district. Both attending and responsible will have access to particular student request in NEO/MEA module
- Secondary enrollment requests (such as SPPSs) when submitted goes to responsible district who can either "reject request" or "certify"
- After an SPPS request is certified, then the SPPS can directly communicate to DOE and upload documents via "resubmit"
- Slight verbiage change in 5 allowed reasons, with no documentation attachment required for "death in immediate family"
- Status of "rejected" has been changed to "incomplete" and reason will be outlined in dialogue/comment boxes
- Partial exemption requests must be outlined in dialogue/comment boxes
- Email notifications will be sent to person submitting request for all statuses

Accessibility: Tools and Accommodations

<https://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org/guides/>

Embedded Universal Tools

- Students testing within the MEA kiosk will have access to a number of tools as described in the table below. These tools are available on all supported testing devices.
- Universal tools are available to all students for all items, unless designated as item specific tools.

Non-Embedded Universal Tool (scrap/scratch paper)

Embedded Accommodations – Enabled in System by DAC/ITC/STC

- Requiring IEP/504 Documentation
- Requiring Team Decisions (not IEP/504)

Non-Embedded Accommodations – IEP/504 Approved

Supports – Rtl and/or Student Assistance Team Approved

Text-To-Speech / Read Aloud / American Sign Language Specifications



The Portal Accommodations upload process, whether in bulk or manually, is outlined in the Portal User Guide beginning on page 33.

A new feature this year is the ability to export a file for student accommodations.

Enrollment Changes, NEO & Synergy

Confirm your enrollment in NEO/Student Data Dashboard

- <https://neo.maine.gov> login
- Click “Student Data” module



- Click “Student Reports” module



Enrollment Changes, NEO & Synergy

- Choose Reporting Area Assessment - eMPowerME
- Click View Report

Student Data Reports Dashboard

Reporting Area **Assessment**

Search:

Reporting Area	Report Name	Report Description	Navigation
Assessment	Access for ELLs	Access for ELLs report	View Report
Assessment	Alternate Assessment Report	Report for Alternate Assessments	View Report
Assessment	eMPowerME	eMPowerME	View Report
Assessment	SAT Report	SAT Report	View Report

Showing 1 to 4 of 4 entries

Enrollment Changes, NEO & Synergy

How this will work in eMPowerME Portal

eMPowerME Enrollment Changes Process

- Enrollment data from 1/19 will be uploaded in eMPowerME Portal on 2/12/18
- Nightly updates to eMPowerME Portal occur 2/19 through 4/13/18
- Changes may take more than 24-48 hours
- Contact the DOE HelpDesk @ 624-6896 should a student be missing from the Portal on a **specific day** for testing.



- Due to change to NEO/Synergy, there may be a delay in the eMPowerME Portal
- Last year nightly updates took 24-18 hours
- This year there may be a delay
- SO: In the **rare instances**, that you have an eMPowerME test session scheduled for a specific day and a student does not appear in the Portal, **on that specific day** call the DOE HelpDesk @ 624-6896

How To Stay Updated

1. District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) email list
2. MEA listserv – subscribe!
<https://mailman.informe.org/mailman/listinfo/mea>
3. DOE Updates: <http://mainedoenews.net/>
Click 'Subscribe'
Fill out the required fields & click 'Subscribe to List'
For past announcements, click 'Browse by Category or Month' – scroll down to find Assessment

Resources & Supports

DOE Math & ELA/Literacy Assessment Page:

<http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/index.html>

Measured Progress Help Desk:

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Maine Online Help: <https://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org/>

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